

House Resolution 983

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26th, Reece of the 27th, Harbin of the 118th, Benton of the 31st, and Burkhalter of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Congratulating Thomas Dean Aaron; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Thomas Dean Aaron of Gainesville is a member of the PGA Tour with a long
- 3 and distinguished career as a professional golfer; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his PGA tour victories, both of which were achieved in his native state, include
- 5 the 1970 Atlanta Classic, which he captured by one shot over Dan Sikes; and the 1973
- 6 Masters Tournament, where he fired a final round score of 68 to rally from four strokes back
- 7 and edge out J.C. Snead by one shot; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his best year for earnings on the PGA Tour was 1972, when he placed ninth on
- 9 the official earnings list; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he also achieved a Senior Tour victory in the 1992 Kaanapali Classic and other
- 11 victories including the 1960 Western Amateur, 1969 Canadian Open, 1970 ABC Japan vs.
- 12 U.S. (individual), and 1972 Lancome Trophy; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was also a member of the 1959 Walker Cup team and the 1969 and 1973
- 14 United States Ryder Cup teams; and
- 15 WHEREAS, in 2000 at age 63, he became the oldest player ever to make the cut at the
- 16 Masters Tournament; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he will play in his last Masters Tournament April 7th through April 10th, 2005.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 19 the members of this body recognize Thomas Dean Aaron and congratulate him for his
- 20 outstanding career as a professional golfer.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representative is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Thomas Dean Aaron.